

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Folsom Field Office 63 Natoma Street Folsom, CA 95630 www.blm.gov/ca/folsom



Stevens Trailhead Improvement project (CA-180-08-67)

Decision Record July 2008

1.0 Introduction and Background

BLM will improve the parking lot for the Stevens Trail Trailhead, and install a permanent toilet at this site. This action will add additional parking, alleviating overflow of the parking lot. The installation of the permante CXT toilet will improve management and the publics enjoyment of this nationally significant trail.

2.0 Decision

2.1 Alternatives Considered but not Selected

No Action Alternative.

Under the No Action alternative, no improvements will be made to the parking lot. This alternative would negatively affect recreation use, and eventually lead to an undesirable management condition. The needs for the project, parking and sanitation, are basic visitors' health and enjoyment of public lands.

2.2 Decision and Rationale

Based on information in the EA, the project record, and consultation with my staff, I have decided to implement the proposed project as described in the EA. There are no restrictions on the time of implementation. Additionally, the BLM archeologist will be on site, to insure archeological resources are not impacted. This project will provide better parking and basic sanitation needs for recreationists. The project is not expected to adversely impact any resources.

3.0 Consultation and Coordination

No special status animal or plant species (or their habitat) was found; therefore, consultation with USFWS is not necessary.

4.0 Public Involvement

The EA was available for a formal 15-day public comment period in July 2008 as posted on Folsom Field Office's internet website. Local Native American Tribes have been consulted about this project, and will be notified when construction begins.

No comment letters were received from the public.

5.0 Plan Consistency

Based on information in the EA, the project record, and recommendations from BLM specialists, I conclude that this decision is consistent with the Sierra Resource Management Plan, approved 2/15/08, the Endangered Species Act; section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Executive Order 12898 regarding Environmental Justice; Executive Order 13212 regarding potential adverse impacts to energy development, production, supply and/or distribution; and other environmental laws and regulations.

6.0 Administrative Remedies

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's (Folsom Field Office) internet website.

William S. Haigh

Field Manager, Folsom Field Office

Date